

# Madame Ambassador just loves Newmarket

**O**N OCTOBER 7 the four-year-old Madame Ambassador landed the fifth win of her career with a comfortable success in a fillies' handicap at Newmarket.

The Churchill filly, owned and bred by Kirsten Rausing, had six starts as a juvenile back in 2021. She showed admirable consistency, winning a Nottingham nursery over an extended mile on her handicap debut and finishing in the first three on all of her other starts.

At three, she ran nine times. She won twice, both at Newmarket: once on the July Course and once on the Rowley Mile, and both over a mile and a half. She again was the model of consistency, and in only one of those nine starts did she finish worse than fourth.

This year, Madame Ambassador has largely been campaigned in Listed company but was out of luck in the Rothesay Stakes at Ayr, the Pontefract Castle Stakes at Pontefract and the Chalice Stakes at Newmarket. Brought back to handicap

company at Goodwood in late August, she ran well to chase home the three-year-old Queen Emma.

And then, back at Newmarket in September, she made all the running to land a decent fillies' handicap over a mile and a quarter of the Rowley Mile course. That four-length success saw her official

rating rise to a (then) career-high 92, the mark off which she lined up back at Newmarket for a Class 2 fillies' handicap on October 7.

Ten went to post for the race, four four-year-olds and six three-year-olds.

Franny Norton was on Madame Ambassador.

The early pace was set by Prenup and Lady Alara, with Madame Ambassador prominent in the early stages, travelling in third. When Queen Regent began a forward move on Franny's inside with about three furlongs to travel, Madame Ambassador was pushed along and asked for her effort.

Just inside the final furlong, Madame Ambassador overhauled Prenup for the lead, and while Queen Regent dropped away, Lady Boba stayed on well to challenge. At the post, Madame Ambassador had won by a length from Lady Boba, with Prenup a head back in third.

**M**ADAME Ambassador's prize-money for the race, just over £36,000, saw the filly's career earnings exceed £100,000. Her rating rose to 96, a rise of 14lb since October 2022.

Winning jockey Franny paid tribute to the filly after the race.

'You know what?', he told ITV Racing, 'Her whole life Madame Ambassador's been ultra-consistent, but whatever the reason she just loves it here.'

Horses for courses.'

Madame Ambassador is out of Kirsten Rausing's Group 1 winner, Lady Jane Digby. While there are a number of similarities between the careers of the two fillies, e.g. the fact that they seemed to improve with age and, arguably, showed their best form at a mile and a quarter, Lady Jane Digby never ran at Newmarket throughout her career, while Madame Ambassador clearly loves the place! ■

Madame Ambassador, white cap, wins again at Newmarket